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In this book modern portfolio theory meets behavioral finance, resulting in new insights in state-of-the-art investing. Not only practitioners but also students and academics benefit from the combination of professional capital market experience and academic wisdom as well as the many exercises the book uses to bring the concepts alive. Especially the chapter covering recent investment trends broken down by investor type and region should prove very useful for investment professionals in the asset management industry in Europe. Highly recommended!

Dr. Christian Schmitt, Managing Director, risklab GmbH – AllianzGI Global Solutions, Munich, Germany

The book provides a comprehensive introduction to modern asset management and behavioral finance. Using interesting business cases and a hands-on approach with Excel exercises, the authors lead the reader to tackle the main challenges in modern asset and risk management, with a practical focus on behavioral finance. For bachelor and master students who want to get a structured and detailed introduction to asset management, risk management and behavioral finance I can highly recommend this book!

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